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Residential, commercial and electric generation sales decreased while industrial sales increased in August 1991 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 523.5 trillion Btu in August 1990 to 485.7 trillion Btu in August 1991. August transportation volumes to end users increased 6.7 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	August			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1991	1990[R]	%Change[1]	1991	(% Change) Last Period	1991 Forecast[2]	1990[R]	%Change
Residential	118.9	122.9	- 3.3	3,008.5	- 0.4	4,478.3	4,471.5	+ 0.2
Commercial	82.5	83.5	- 1.3	1,470.9	- 0.5	2,207.6	2,193.2	+ 0.7
Industrial*	141.5	127.5	+11.0	1,180.4	- 2.6	1,910.2	1,890.5	+ 1.0
Elec. Gen.*	134.8	180.7	-25.4	636.5	-15.2	1,073.3	1,120.1	- 4.2
Other	8.0	8.9	-	122.6	-	199.1	170.9	-
Total Sales	485.7	523.5	- 7.2	6,418.9	- 2.3	9,868.5	9,846.2	+ 0.2
Transportation*	400.2	374.9	+ 6.7	2,982.0	+ 5.8	4,843.8	4,308.5	+12.4
Total Volumes	885.9	898.4	- 1.4	9,400.9	+ 0.1	14,712.3	14,154.7	+ 3.9**

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.
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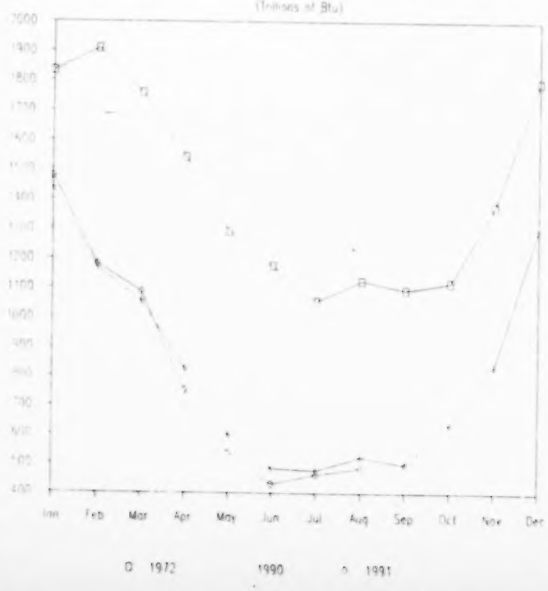
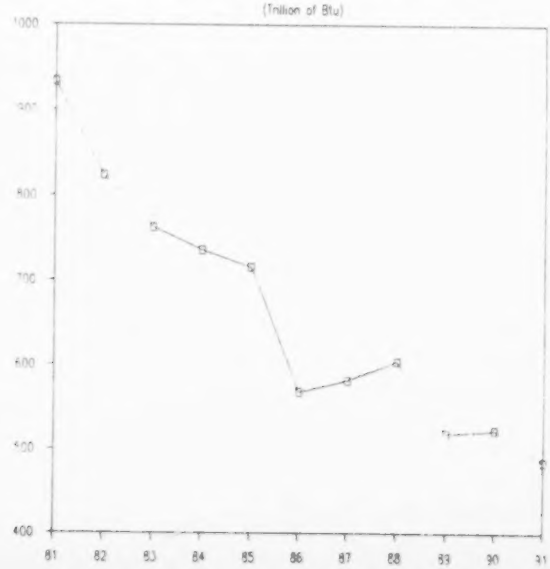
TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



AUGUST TOTAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - AUGUST

(Thousands of Units)

		1991	1990	% Change '90 vs '91
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	188.7	187.9	+ 0.4
	- Electric	273.3	287.7	- 5.0
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	79.2	82.0	- 3.4
	- Electric	265.7	275.4	- 3.5
Water Heaters	- Gas	278.7	298.8	- 6.7
	- Electric	260.0	272.8	- 4.7
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	196.1	187.6	+ 4.6
	- Electric	23.0	26.5	-13.2
	- Oil	14.9	15.4	- 3.0
Boilers	- Gas	23.0	23.3	- 1.6
	- Oil	12.9	13.6	- 4.8

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA).
Association of Home Appliances Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(August 1991)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$1.60
Southeast	$1.74
Midwest	$1.82
Southwest	$1.37
West	$1.99
Total	$1.71

Source: American Gas Association
[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - AUGUST

	1991	1990	% Change '90 vs '91
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	95.2	102.8	- 7.4
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	96.3	95.6	+ 0.7
Electricity	126.2	121.8	+ 3.6
Fuel Oil	84.4	91.0	- 7.3

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	43.1	46.5	- 7.2
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	7.22	6.89	+ 4.8
Commercial	4.81	4.80	+ 0.2
Industrial	2.60	2.88	- 9.9
Electric Generation	2.03	2.68	-24.5
Total	3.95	4.06	- 2.7
Carriage Volumes[3](TBtu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	400.2	374.9	+ 6.7
For Ultimate Consumers	156.4	118.4	+ 32.1
For Resale	333.1	340.8	- 2.3
Total	889.7	834.1	+ 6.7

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES - 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989	Dec.	4.503	5.455	4.769	3.167	2.694	3.102
1990[R]	Aug.	4.563	5.524	4.813	3.172	2.710	3.091
	Sept.	4.552	5.526	4.814	3.167	2.678	3.112
	Oct.	4.556	5.528	4.821	3.171	2.659	3.119
	Nov.	4.566	5.543	4.828	3.181	2.609	3.171
	Dec.	4.569	5.595	4.838	3.193	2.645	3.239
1991[R]	Jan.	4.598	5.620	4.841	3.189	2.621	3.221
	Feb.	4.591	5.611	4.828	3.180	2.616	3.192
	Mar.	4.590	5.611	4.828	3.164	2.628	3.147
	Apr.	4.602	5.631	4.836	3.141	2.648	3.144
	May	4.608	5.643	4.842	3.123	2.646	3.126
	June	4.614	5.653	4.844	3.123	2.629	3.113
	July	4.618	5.661	4.845	3.106	2.629	3.079
	Aug.	4.615	5.669	4.845	3.082	2.538	3.079

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. & Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1989	Aug.	4.16	6.93	4.80	2.94	2.97	2.92
	Sept.	4.34	6.54	4.73	2.91	2.92	2.90
	Oct.	4.25	5.88	4.58	2.84	2.92	2.72
	Nov.	4.54	5.33	4.71	3.17	3.16	3.20
	Dec.	4.60	5.12	4.75	3.22	3.28	3.04
1990[R]	Jan.	4.78	5.24	4.90	3.45	3.55	3.13
	Feb.	4.94	5.45	4.98	3.47	3.47	3.50
	Mar.	4.74	5.39	4.89	3.10	3.38	2.39
	Apr.	4.55	5.42	4.82	2.88	3.18	2.26
	May	4.40	5.77	4.65	2.80	3.04	2.45
	June	4.35	6.48	4.84	2.70	2.96	2.42
	July	4.16	6.85	4.78	2.67	2.82	2.54
	Aug.	4.06	6.89	4.80	2.77	2.88	2.68
	Sept.	4.13	6.62	4.77	2.78	2.85	2.57
	Oct.	4.28	5.95	4.69	2.78	2.95	2.55
	Nov.	4.67	5.49	4.78	3.25	3.27	3.18
	Dec.	4.78	5.39	4.81	3.32	3.39	3.07
1991[R]	Jan.	4.83	5.40	4.92	3.29	3.54	2.69
	Feb.	4.88	5.39	4.88	3.37	3.39	3.27
	Mar.	4.72	5.41	4.89	3.03	3.20	2.60
	Apr.	4.70	5.66	4.92	2.78	2.88	2.52
	May	4.49	6.03	4.73	2.62	2.78	2.31
	June	4.47	6.87	4.91	2.60	2.96	2.16
	July	4.22	7.13	4.80	2.55	2.58	2.52
	Aug.	3.95	7.22	4.81	2.32	2.60	2.03

[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 60% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.
[2]1991 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1991 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1991 monthly data with the remaining months of 1991 heavily weighted by last year's volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
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